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## REQUEST

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm the acceptance of the drawings filed November 10, 2004, or otherwise provide a specific objection or rejection of the same. The Office Action of December 8, 2004, is incomplete in this respect.

The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of December 8, 2004, however, as the above indicated and requested item has not been acknowledged by the Patent Office to date, the applicants believe it timely to make such a request at the present time.

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